WANTED: Camp Counselors/Jr. Leaders

REQUIREMENTS: Must have completed the 8th grade and have attended one camp (First year teens may attend camp as a camper)

Any 4-H teen interested in becoming a counselor at the Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp and meeting the above requirement is invited to attend our first official camp planning meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ag Center meeting room at the Fairgrounds. Summer Camp will be held at Hyalite the week of June 18-23, 2006.

There will be CIT applications available at the meeting for first year eligible teens.

Camp is just around the corner, so it is very important that we get a good turn out of returning Jr. Leaders.

Seeking a Top Teen

A teen 4-H member (14 or up) with leadership qualities and abilities is being sought to fill the role of Junior 4-H Ambassador for Gallatin County. The Junior and Senior Teen Ambassadors are the official spokespersons for the county 4-H program with the duties of promoting 4-H to all non-4-H audiences. This could include presentations to schools, letters to the editor in the local paper, recruiting volunteers, or any other 4-H promotional event. Ambassadors are asked to attend ambassador training during precongress weekend and a conference in the fall. The term of office is two years and begins in July during 2006 Montana 4-H Congress. At the end of the first year, the Junior Ambassador becomes the Senior Ambassador and a new Junior is recruited. If interested, go to www.gallatinextension.com and you can print a PDF application or please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office for the form. Application deadline to is May 1st.

Montana Junior Beef Expo Slated for June

The 15th Annual Montana Junior Beef Expo has been set for June 8-10, 2006. This annual youth event will again be held at the Central Montana Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Many events are being lined up to keep everyone involved and busy. Some of the many events include the jackpot steer show, open showmanship, eight individual breed shows, team fitting contests, team sales contests and don't forget the annual exhibitor/family BBQ. Entries will be sent out the beginning of May. If have any questions, please contact Mike Vanek or Mardi Linhart at 406-538-2164 or send an email to mmcattle@midrivers.com. If you have a heifer or steer in your show pen, come to Expo, meet some new friends and have some fun.

Scholarships

The Montana 4-H Foundation currently awards several college scholarships annually at State 4-H Congress in July. The Foundation also helps fund 4-H members interested in international learning experiences like the IFYE Program. The Foundation has money available for both IFYE Ambassadors and IFYE Representatives. Interested in attending Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, Old West Regional Range Judging, or the Western 4-H Roundup? The Foundation has money available for interested 4-H members and volunteers to attend these programs. Scholarship winners are selected by a State Award Selection Committee in May.

Montana Agri-Business
Montana Meat Processors
Montana Wheat & Barley Committee
Douglas A. Dear Memorial
Alpha Gamma Rho
Wilcox Family Scholarship
Murdoch's Scholarship

You can find all these applications on-line at either www.gallatinextension.com (Go to 4-H, Scholarships, and you can then print the PDF applications) or you can go to www.montana4h.org (Go to Foundation, Program Support, Scholarships and then you can find the applications there).

2006 CAT FUN DAY - Sunday, May 7, 2006

Lewis and Clark County is sponsoring an Invitational Cat Showmanship Competition on Sunday, May 7, 2006 from 1:00-2:30 pm at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. THE PURPOSE OF CAT FUN DAY IS: To test showmanship skills and knowledge of cats; to identify areas in which a member may need more practice or further study; to give members and cats travel experience and exposure to a fair-time atmosphere; to meet lots of cat loving people and learn more about cats. GAMES, VIDEOS, CONTESTS, PRIZES, LEARNING STATIONS, FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN!!! Contact the 4-H office for more information.